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# MOWER GENEALOGY.

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BY EPHRAIM MOWER, APRIL 2, 1897.

SAMUEL MOWER, my great-great-grandfather, born in 1690, died May 8th, 1760, with his brother Thomas and sister Joanna, came from the west of England (understood to be Devonshire), and settled in Malden, Mass., about 1714 (Wall says 1708-1710). Jan. 4th, 1716, he married Elizabeth Sprague, of Malden, born , died

; moved to Worcester about .

They had seven children, all but the first born in Worcester: Elizabeth, born Oct. 28th, 1716, died . She married first, Jonathan Lynde, of Malden, born

, died ; second, Jedediah Tucker, of Shrewsbury, born , died .

Second. Abigail, born May 8th, 1718, died

. She married Jabez Sargent, of Malden, born , died .

Third. Capt. Samuel, Jr., born Oct. 18th, 1720, died Jan. 24th, 1784. He married

Fourth. Capt. Ephraim, my great-grandfather, born in Malden Feb. 9th, 1723, died in Leicester Nov. 23d, 1790. He married first, Mary Belcher Wheeler, of Worcester, born , died Feb. 23d, 1745; second, Elizabeth Garfield, of Waltham, born , died Dec. 22d, 1790. Captain of militia under British Crown and deputy sheriff.

Fifth. John, born Dec. 18th, 1724, died April 30th, 1806. Married first, Hannah Moore, of Worcester, born 1725, died Sept. 24th, 1784; second, Mrs. Thomas Brown, Jr., born 1742, died Feb. 12th, 1836. Left no children. Signer of the Royalist protest of 1774. Numbered among the internal enemies of the committee of correspondence in May, 1775, and disarmed.

Sixth. Lydia, born Sept. 15th, 1726, died .  
 Married first, Henry Ward, of Worcester, son of Maj. Daniel Ward, born , died ;  
 second, Trowbridge, left a child who married Ward and was grandmother of Col. Samuel Ward.

Seventh. Jonathan, born April 23d, 1730, died , 1813. Married Elizabeth Bemis, of Spencer, born , died . Settled in Charlton. In 1798 moved to town of Greene, Me.

My great-great-grandfather's sister Joanna moved to Boston but never married.

His brother Thomas born , died , married , born , died , moved to Topsfield, Essex Co., Mass., had 8 children. Mary, born Jan. 30th, 1753, died . Abigail, born Nov. 18th, 1754, died .

Hannah, born Oct. 7th, 1756, died . Elizabeth, born Nov. 13th, 1758, died . Louis, born Feb. 24th, 1761, died . Deborah, born Dec. 22d, 1762, died . Thomas, born Jan. 9th, 1765, died . Josiah, born Nov. 27th, 1769, died .

My great-grandfather's brother Jonathan, born April 23d, 1730, died 1813, had 9 children. 1st, Elizabeth, born 1756, died ; 2d, Jonathan, born 1757, died , had Mary, William, Sarah, Jonathan, Peter S., Deborah, and Ammi.

Third. John, born 1759 (alive in 1852, aged 92), had John, Elizabeth, Jabez, Pamelia, Martin, Sewell, Leonard, Jemima, Calvin (he was at Worcester in 1851, aged 72), Cynthia, Oliver and Josiah.

Fourth. Samuel, born 1761, died . He had Sally, Lewis, Ruth, Diodema, Samuel, Luther, William, Pamelia, Polly, Temperance and Laura.

Fifth. Abigail, born 1763, died

Sixth. Sarah, born 1765, died  
 Seventh. William, born 1767 (alive in  
 1851, aged 88), had Jonathan, Aaron, Rachel and Lucy.  
 Eighth. Ebenezer, born 1769, died  
     , had Ebenezer, Henry, Isaac, Lucretia, Hiram,  
 Nancy, Charles, Dan, Loring, John, Bemis and Warren.  
 Ninth. Marshall, born 1773, died  
     , had Lucy, Polly, Nancy, John, Sophia, Laura,  
 Curtis, John Russell, Alfred, Nelson, Cyrus, Elizabeth,  
 Eleanor and Cynthia.

My great-grandfather's brother, Capt. Samuel, Jr., born Oct. 18th, 1720, died Jan. 24th, 1784. Royalist Protester in 1774, Selectman in 1785. Married Comfort Larned, of Oxford, Mass., born 1731, died May 11th, 1765, daughter of the celebrated General Ebenezer and Deborah Larned of Revolutionary fame; second, married Sarah Leach, born 1725, died Oct. 10th, 1774; third, married Mrs. Esther Locke. He had 7 children:

First. Martha, born , died ,  
 married Sam Watson, of Brookfield, born ,  
 died ; settled in western New York.

Second. Joanna, born , died  
     , married William Boyden, of Auburn, born  
     , died ; settled in Dummerston, Vt.

Third. Lucy, born , died ,  
 married Israel Barrett, of Paxton, born ,  
 died . Moved to Lexington, Me.

Fourth. Samuel, born , died ,  
 married Nancy Ann Leach, born , died  
     ; had 11 children: 1st, Sarah, born 1771,  
 died 1801, married Maj. Charles Chandler, son of Judge  
 John Chandler. 2d, John, born , died  
     . 3d, Samuel, born , died  
     . 4th, Levi, born , died  
     . 5th, Nahum, born , died  
     . Printer and publisher of the *Independent Gazetteer*,

first issued as a weekly paper in 1800 by Nahum Mower and Sam Greenleaf, and discontinued after two years. 6th, Nancy, born , died . 7th, Mary, born 1780, died March 29th, 1786. 8th, Nathaniel, born , died . He was a hatter at Worcester, where Waldo's granite block now is. Hat shop was burned in 1805. Father of Genl. Joseph A. Mower, in the war of the rebellion with Genl. Sherman and afterwards commander of the city of New Orleans. 9th, Ebenezer, born , died . 10th, Lyman, born , died at Woodstock, Vt., in 1876. 11th, Benjamin F., born , died .

Fifth. Ebenezer, born Oct. 10th, 1760, died Feb. 14th, 1861. Was a remarkable man to remember events, recollected the raising of the Old South Church in 1763, when but a little over three years old. Recollected the marching of the minute-men under Capt. Bigelow in 1775, and his death in 1790. As his father was a loyalist he never engaged in the struggle of the Revolution, although it was his wish to do so. At the election of President, the November before his death, when over 100 years old, he attended meeting and voted for Abraham Lincoln. He married Sally Curtiss, of Worcester, born Feb. 14th, 1761, died March 30th, 1841. Had 10 children: 1st, Ebenezer Larned, born Dec. 9th, 1790, died Nov. , 1814. 2d, John, born Sept. 22d, 1792, died April 18th, 1828. 3d, Ephraim Curtiss, born March 22d, 1794, died Dec. , 1828. 4th, Sewell, born Dec. 21st, 1795, died March 22d, 1836. 5th, Charles, born Dec. 16th, 1797, died Sept. 7th, 1845. 6th, Sally, born Aug. 29th, 1800, died

, married Thos. Nichols; moved to Spencer. 7th, Sam Flagg, born Nov. 16th, 1802, died Jan. 16th, 1856, married Anna C. Litch, of Boston, Nov. 13th, 1839. 8th, Geo. W., born May 26th, 1804, died April 1st, 1835. 9th, Henry, born Dec. 9th, 1805, died June 29th, 1856. 10th, Eliza, born Dec. 25th, 1808, died May 22d, 1869, married

Walter R. Bigelow, of Worcester, Dec. 2d, 1828 (or Dec. 22d, 1829), had children.

Sixth. Aaron, born , died ,  
married , born , died .

Seventh. Henry, born , died  
, married Hale, of Putney, Vt., born  
, died March 14th, 1808, had 3 children:

1st, Henry, lived in Michigan in 1871. 2d, Adeline, married Genl. Jnstus Benedict, who founded Kalamazoo, Mich., died, aged 58, three weeks after her husband; left five children, two in San Francisco and three in Kansas. 3d, Samuel, born June , 1808, died March 14th, 1860, married , born , died

, had four children: 1st, Samuel B. 2d, Henry S. 3d, Mary, married Wills, now a widow in Woodstock, Vt. 4th, Elizabeth, married John Shurtleff, druggist in Bennington, Vt.

Ephraim, my great-grandfather, moved first in to Worcester and then in to Leicester. He had four children born in Worcester. Timothy, son of first wife, born Feb. 11, 1745, died , married Miss Warner, born , died , settled in Worthington, Mass. His widow married

Clark, and moved to Western New York. Had three children: Elizabeth, born , died

. John, born , died .

Timothy, born , died , lived in Gorham, Ontario Co., N. Y., and was a supervisor.

Second. Major Ephraim, born June 15th, 1748, died Dec. 22d, 1810, married Feb 21st, 1721, Hulda Hersey, of Leicester, born Nov. 16th, 1747, died March 10th, 1828, left no children. Hotel-keeper and stage proprietor, corner Main and Mechanic Streets, now Walker's block. One of the original founders of the Second Parish Church, organized in 1785, and elected collector at first meeting called to elect officers in 1789. Selectman 1790 to 1810 inclusive, and

their chairman; Representative to General Court 1806 to 1810; crier of courts 1800 to 1807; charter member of Morning Star Lodge F. & A. M., chartered March 11th, 1793.

Third. Thomas, my grandfather, born in Worcester, May 23d, 1750, died Sept. 14th, 1800; in 1760, when ten years old, with his father he moved from Worcester to Leicester, and in 1792 moved back to Worcester and lived west of Tatnuck, on the old Mower homestead, near the Leicester line. He married Anna Brown, daughter of James Brown, of Worcester, born , died . She died at Oak Orchard, N. Y., Oct. 7th, 1822, aged 69. They had six children: James Brown, born Nov. 26th, 1773, died June 9th, 1852. Elizabeth, born May 3d, 1776, died May 22d, 1777. Ephraim, my father, born June 6th, 1778, died Jan. 19th, 1865. Sarah, born Aug. 5th, 1780, died April 13th, 1855. Hulda, born Oct. 30th, 1784, died Oct. 20th, 1826. Thomas Gardner, born Feb. 18th, 1790, died Dec. 7th, 1853.

Fourth. William, born in Worcester Feb. 5th, 1753, died Nov. 9, 1759.

Fifth. Elizabeth, born in Leicester July 28th, 1762, died Jan. 29th, 1769.

James Brown (son of Nicholas and Rebecca), my great-grandfather, born March 23d, 1710, died Jan. 11th, 1778, aged 67, leaving to his children an excellent reputation and a handsome landed estate on the southwest side of Main Street. He came from Reading, Middlesex County, to Worcester about 1740. At Reading he married Miss Eaton, born , died .

They had six children: Lydia, born , died , married Joshua Johnson; 2d, Sarah, born , died , married John White, a graduate of Harvard College; 3d, Mary, born , died , married Nathan Hersey; 4th, Rebecca, born , died , mar-

ried Gardner Earl, of Leicester; 5th, Anna, born , died Oct. 7th, 1822, married Thomas Mower, my grandfather; 6th, Thomas, born , died , married Miss Hersey, of Leicester.

James B. Mower, my father's brother, born Nov. 26th, 1773, died June 9th, 1852, in New York; was clerk in Dan'l Waldo's store in Worcester, moved to New York and for many years, before mail-steamers were used, had charge of the foreign mail in the New York Post-Office, when in the rotunda in City Hall Park. He married first, Helen Kip, born , died , had three children: John H., born , died . Peter, born , died . Henry, born , died . All died young. In 1815 he married Mary Kip, born , died May , 1854. They had two children. Mary Elizabeth Kip, born , died May 9th, 1854. Catharine Ann, born , died . Neither ever married.

Ephraim, my father, Aug. 19th, 1810, married Nancy Eliza Lovell; she was born in 1792 and died Feb. 18th, 1822; was the daughter of Col. Ebenezer Lovell, of Worcester; had one child, Helen Kip, born , died . On Dec. 31st, 1822, he married Caroline Cutler, born Feb. 21st, 1791, died Feb. 24th, 1867, daughter of Gen. John Cutler, of Brookfield. They had two children: Ephraim, born April 8th, 1825, died . Caroline Cutler, born Nov. 27th, 1826, died April 9th, 1897, never married. Ephraim moved to New York in 1842. Nov. 23d, 1854, he married Margaret Sophia, daughter of John Laidlaw, of Brooklyn, born Dec. 28th, 1824, died Aug. 11th, 1881, where five children were born. Thomas Ephraim, born Oct. 6th, 1855, died . Katharine Leferts, born Nov. 12th, 1857, died . John Laidlaw, born Feb. 7th, 1859, died . William Cutler, born May 31st, 1864, died .

Robert Benson Lefferts, born May 31st, 1864, died April 9th, 1888. Ephraim, in 1872, moved from Brooklyn, N. Y., to Litchfield, Conn., and became interested in the very large deposit of stratified granite at Roxbury, Conn. For the two terms of 1887-8 and 1889-90 he was the Roxbury representative in the General Assembly of Connecticut.

Sarah, my father's sister, born Aug. 5th, 1780, died April 13th, 1855, married, in 1805, John Thayer, of Worcester County, born , died

, had five children. Harriet, born died

. Anna, born died

. Sarah, born , died .

Mary, born died . Ephraim, born 1815, died 1841, was an officer in the U. S. Army and served in the Florida war. None of the five ever married and are now all dead.

Huldah, my father's sister, born Oct. 30th, 1784, died Oct. 18th, 1826. In 1817 she married Sherman Bills, of Connecticut; she left three daughters, the youngest married David Lewis, of Scottsville, town of Wheatland, near Rochester, N. Y.

Thomas Gardner, my father's brother, born Feb. 18th, 1790, died Dec. 7th, 1853. Dec. 30th, 1828, he married Sarah Ann Entwistle, daughter of John Hardman, of New York, born Feb. 9th, 1799, died Nov. 6th, 1870. They had four children: Anna Josephine, born April 23d, 1832, died . Mandeville, Columbia College 185-, born Jan. 5th, 1836, died . Thomas Lovell, born Aug. 22d, 1837, died Jan. 11th, 1841. Sara Elizabeth, born Feb. 24th, 1840, died .

Harvard College 1810, Surgeon U. S. Army, member American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, Surgeon's mate 9th Regiment U. S. Infantry Dec. 2d, 1812, when he joined his regiment in winter quarters at Burlington, Vt. Surgeon June 30th, 1814. At the end of the war retained

one among the ten out of forty for the peace establishment. In the spring of 1813 went with his regiment to Sackett's Harbor and afterwards to Niagara, N. Y., and participated in the capture of Fort George and in the actions of Chrysler's Fields. In the spring of 1814 he accompanied the Ninth from its winter quarters at French Mills, now Fort Covington, to the Niagara frontier. This regiment, forming a part of Scott's brigade, was the first to land on the Canadian shore, under the fire of the enemy, on the night of the 3d of July, 1814; and was in the leading boat conveying the regimental field and staff, also Genl. Winfield Scott and staff, and was on the New York frontier until the end of the war. He participated in the entire campaign of 1814 on the Niagara frontier, having been engaged in the battles of Chippewa, Lundy's Lane, and the assault by the British on Fort Erie. After nine or ten years service on the frontier, the two last on the upper Missouri, he was placed on special duty in the harbor of New York, and charged with the various duties pertaining to the station, where, with occasional absences on duty, he continued until his death. In 1833 and 1834 he travelled under orders more than 12,000 miles as a member of a medical board of examination and inspection, visiting most of our military posts southwest and northwest of New York. Was a member of every medical board except one that was convened from 1832 to 1851, and, with the above exception and one other, was the presiding member. To the operation of these boards the present efficiency and high standing of the medical staff are mainly attributable. In 1818 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. In 1844 he was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, over which in turn Franklin and Jefferson had presided. At his death and for many years previous, he was the senior Surgeon U. S. Army and chief Medical Purveyor in New York City. The largest hospital erected during the civil war was at Chestnut Hill,

Philadelphia, and was named after him. A model of which, with his portrait, was exhibited at the Philadelphia Centennial in 1876, and both are now in the U. S. Army Medical Museum and Library in Washington, D. C.

Thomas Ephraim, graduated at Yale College in 1878, lived in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Litchfield, Conn., until 1888, when he, with his brothers John and William, also became interested in the Mine Hill Stone Quarries at Roxbury, Conn. In 1890-91 he was the Roxbury representative in the General Assembly of Connecticut. Nov. 29th, 1892, he married Jessie Frances Burritt, born July 10th, 1857, died , daughter of Austin D. and Julia L. Burritt, and has one child, Robert Lefferts, born April 24th, 1895.

Katherine Lefferts Mower, married June 23d, 1886, Pringle Mitchell, born , died , son of Donald G. and , Pringle, of New Haven, Conn.

John Laidlaw Mower, married Oct. 30th, 1895, Grace Adele, born , died , daughter of Almon D. and Adele Smith, of Bridgewater, Conn.

## GENERATIONS.

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	Elizabeth, 1716. Abigail, 1718. Samuel, Jr., 1720.	Martha Watson. Joanna Boyden. Lucy Barrett. Samuel.	Sarah, 1771. John. Samuel. Levi. Nahum. Nancy or Anna. Nathaniel. Ebenezer. Lyman. Benjamin F. Ebenezer, 1760-1861. John, 1792. Ephraim, 1794. Sewell, 1795. Charles, 1797. Sally, 1800. Saml. Flagg, 1802. George W. 1804. Henry, 1805. Eliza (Bigelow), 1808.	Genl. Joseph A.		
		Aaron, Henry.	Henry. Adeline, 5 ch. Samuel, 4 ch. Elizabeth. John. Timothy.	George C. Sam Thomas.	Mary Eliza. Geo. Cliff. Grace Mower.	
	Ephraim, 1723-90.	Timothy, 1745.	James Brown, 1773-1852.	John. Peter. Henry. Mary Elizabeth. Catharine.		
uel, -1760.		Ephraim, 1748-1810. Thomas, 1750-1800.	Elizabeth, 1775-77. Ephraim, 1778-1865.	Helen Kip. Ephraim.	Thomas E. Katharine L. John L. William C. Robert B. L.	Robt. L., April 24, 1895.
			Sarah, 1780-1855.	Caroline C. Harriet. Anna. Sarah. Mary. Ephraim.		
			Huldah, 1784-1826, 3 ch.	Anne Josephine. Mandeville. Thomas L. Sara Elizabeth.		
		William, 1753-59. Elizabeth, 1762-69.	Thomas G., 1790-1853.			
	John, 1724-1806. Lydia, 1726. Jonathan, 1730-1813.	Elizabeth, 1756. Jonathan, 1757, 7 ch. John, 1759, 12 ch. Samuel, 1761, 11 ch. Abigail, 1763. Sarah, 1765. William, 1767, 4 ch. Ebenezer, 1769, 12 ch. Marshall, 1773, 14 ch.				
na. mas.	Mary, 1753. Abigail, 1754. Hannah, 1756. Elizabeth, 1758. Louis, 1761. Deborah, 1762. Thomas, 1765. Josiah, 1769.					

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